HIGH SPEED RAIL NETWORK UNDER NATIONAL RAIL PLAN

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Government proposes to add four new bullet train corridors that will connect nine more cities to the High Speed Rail (HSR) network under the National Rail Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is true that the Government has undertaken a survey and prepared detailed project reports for the same;

(d) if so, the reasons as to why none of these corridors are proposed to fall within the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(e) whether the Government proposes to set up HSR corridors between Visakhapatnam - Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam - Chennai; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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(a) to (f): Presently, Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) Project is the only sanctioned project of High Speed Rail in India which is under execution with technical and financial assistance from Government of Japan.

Further, the Ministry of Railways has undertaken the work for the survey/Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the following seven High Speed Rail (HSR) Corridor/Project:

i. Delhi - Varanasi
ii. Delhi - Ahmedabad
iii. Delhi - Amritsar

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iv. Mumbai – Nagpur  
v. Mumbai - Pune - Hyderabad  
vi. Chennai - Bangalore - Mysore  
vii. Varanasi - Howrah

None of the above corridor is sanctioned as yet. High Speed Rail (HSR) projects are highly capital intensive projects. The decision to sanction any HSR corridor/project depends on many factors such as outcome of DPR, techno-economic feasibility, availability of resources and financing options.

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